

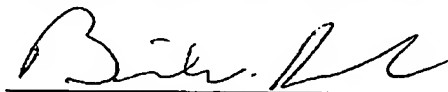
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 10, 2009.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between three groups of claims. Applicant elects the Group I claims, Claims 1-15 and 17. Also, upon the allowance of Claim 1, the Applicant requests the rejoinder of dependent Claim 16.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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